Cheating of unemployed youths

†1098. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of rackets are active in the country which are cheating the unemployed youths on the false assurance of providing employments to them in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether any such rackets has been busted by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken by Government to strictly deal with such rackets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) (a) Sporadic incidents of cheating unemployed youth by certain unscrupulous agents have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) A case No. RC. 1/97-ACU. IV dated 17.1.1997 in which some travel agents cheated some youth by offering jobs abroad was registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation and charge sheets were filed against 26 accused persons in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Tis-Hazari, Delhi on 09.09.1997 and 27.01.1998.

(d) and (e) 'Police' and 'Public' are State subjects as per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments and the information pertaining to the number of rackets busted for cheating the unemployed youths on the false assurance of providing employment to them in foreign countries is not maintained centrally. However, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to issue instructions right down to the police station level to maintain strict vigil against the nefarious activities of unscrupulous agents.

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